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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report was mandated by General Assembly resolution 58/104 and contains a list of specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations to which the provisions of the resolution apply and to whose attention the Secretary-General drew the text of the resolution.

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1. At its fifty-eighth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 58/104 of 9 December 2003 concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. In paragraph 16 of that resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in working out appropriate measures for implementing the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and to prepare for submission to the relevant bodies, with the assistance of those agencies and organizations, a report on the action taken in implementation of the relevant resolutions, including resolution 58/104, since the circulation of his previous report.

2. In a letter dated 6 February 2004, the Secretary-General brought the text of the resolution to the attention of the executive heads of the following specialized agencies and other international organizations and invited them to submit the information requested for inclusion in the report referred to in the above paragraph:

International Labour Organization

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

International Civil Aviation Organization

World Health Organization

World Bank

International Monetary Fund

Universal Postal Union

International Telecommunication Union

World Meteorological Organization

International Maritime Organization

World Intellectual Property Organization

International Fund for Agricultural Development

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

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Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Environment Programme

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

United Nations Children's Fund

World Food Programme

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

International Atomic Energy Agency

World Tourism Organization

World Trade Organization

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African Union

Caribbean Community

Caribbean Development Bank

League of Arab States

Organization of American States

Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

Pacific Islands Forum

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3. Summaries of the replies received from the international organizations concerned in response to the above-mentioned letter will be given in document E/2004/47.

4. Summaries of additional replies received, together with such further information as may become available on relevant activities undertaken by the organizations concerned during the year, will be circulated in addenda to the report mentioned in paragraph 3.

5. In addition, the Secretary-General drew the text of the resolution to the attention of various departments and other units of the Secretariat. Information received in that regard will also be included in the above-mentioned report.